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TV Dance Competition Winner Convicted of Domestic Violence

A dancer who was a winner on the television show "So You Think You Can Dance" today entered a plea to a domestic violence charge, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Joshua Demon Allen, 28, of North Hollywood pleaded no contest to one felony count each of willfully injuring a girlfriend after a prior conviction and assault with a deadly weapon, a glass vase.

Deputy District Attorney Ranna Jahanshahi said Allen was immediately sentenced to one year in county jail, five years of formal probation and 52 weeks of domestic violence counseling. He also was ordered to stay away from the victims for 10 years.

On April 13, 2016, Allen assaulted and strangled his ex-girlfriend. Approximately two months later, while facing prosecution for the April 13 incident, the defendant attacked the same victim and she ran to a nearby coffee shop to ask for help, the prosecutor said.

Allen chased her into the coffee shop and threw a glass vase at a woman who attempted to help the victim and attacked another man who also tried to intervene. The defendant then vandalized the coffee shop until he was finally subdued by other good Samaritans, the prosecutor added.

Case LA083861 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, North Hollywood Station.

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